

THE MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SIXTIETH DAY

Thursday, 24th August, 1961.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at One of the Clock.

Mr. SPEAKER (Sri S. R. KANTHI, B.A., LL.B.) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

SALE OF TRACTORS ON HIRE PURCHASE SYSTEM BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SINCE 1950.

*Q.—354. Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY (Chikkanaikanahalli).

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of tractors sold on hire purchase system by the Department of Agriculture since 1950 (year-war);

(b) the number of varieties purchased and their names;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are many complaints by the purchasers stating that accessories were denied and delayed and also extra payment demanded later by sellers?

A.—Sri N. RACHAIAH (Minister for Agriculture and Social Welfare).—

(a) 136. Vide Statement “A” appended.

(b) 7. Vide Statement “B” appended.

(c) No.

STATEMENT A

Statement indicating details of new Tractors supplied on Hire Purchase System to Agriculturists from 1953 to March 1, 1961.

Year	Inter-national	Massey-ferguson	Ferguson	John Deere	David Brown	Eicher	Zetor	Total
1953-54	...	2	4	8	2	...	...	16
1954-55	3	...	...	...	3
1955-56
1956-57	10	...	...	...	...	10
1957-58	...	1	35	...	4	...	...	40
1958-59	...	2	3	...	1	21	...	27
1959-60	...	4	2	...	1	...	11	18
1960-61	...	3	7	...	...	...	12	22
Total	...	12	4	68	2	6	21	136

(Sri N. RACHAIAH)

STATEMENT—B

7 varieties of tractors have been supplied as noted hereunder:—

1	Massey-Harris Tractors and implements.	
2	Ferguson	do
3	International	do
	Harvestor	
4	John Deere	do
5	David Brown	do
6	Eicher	do
7	Zetor	do

Sri C. K. RAJAI AH SHETTY.—It is furnished in the answer that 136 tractors have been given on hire purchase system. May I know the pending applications?

† Sri N. RACHAIAH.—51 applications are pending. All these have been sanctioned and we have referred these applications to the concerns concerned to give tractors to the respective applicants.

Sri C. K. RAJAI AH SHETTY.—Is the Government aware that the seller receives consignments and still he does not care for Government allotments and sells them in the blackmarket.

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—Even out of 51 applications pending, seven have been already given. 44 more have to be given.

Sri C. K. RAJAI AH SHETTY.—You have given a list of seven varieties, May I know out of these seven varieties, whether only three are standard and the rest are considered useless? May I know which authority recommended these tractors?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—So far, we have not received any such complaints. If there is any complaint, I will certainly examine and take proper action.

Sri C. K. RAJAI AH SHETTY.—Complaint means, should it be given only to the Minister or whether complaints given to the Department also are taken into account?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—So far as my knowledge goes, there is no such complaint. If there is any complaint given to the Department or other officers, I will look into them.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—What is the basis on which tractors are allotted to applicants?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—According to Rules.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—What is the rule—I want to know.

† Indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the Member concerned.

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—I will lay a copy of the rules on the Table and I think the Hon'ble may please look in to it. Definite rules have been framed and according to that; we are allotting tractors.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Sir, for question (c), you have said 'No'. Is the Government aware that to the extent of nearly Rs. 1000 to Rs. 1,500 prices have been enhanced after the applications were filed and admitted?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—I am not aware.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Is the Government aware that the Fergusson Company charges sales-tax on agricultural implements such as tractors and they have not even paid the amount, but they have been collecting it in excess. I will bring it to the notice of the Government a specific case of one Mr. Range Gowda of Banasnadra. After supplying the tractor, they have demanded this money and taken. Here is the letter. I can produce it.

(The Hon'ble Member was holding out a letter in hand).

In this letter he has enhanced the rates after the application was filed by him 4½ years ago. Why not such firms deprived of the right to deal with tractors?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—If the Hon'ble Member were to write to me along with the copy of the letter, I will look in to it.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—I have brought it to your notice more than 100 times for the last 4½ years. Enhancement is going on. There is no safety for any person. Why Government is not taking action I cannot understand. I have written not less than a dozen letters.

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—The Hon'ble Member is one of the applicants for tractors. His application is the second in the list to be allotted. I think he will get it next year.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—That is not my question. If you cannot give me, I am prepared to withdraw my money. But how the amount has been allowed to be enhanced, I want to know. Here is the letter which shows that the rates have been enhanced.

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—Government have no information about it. If I receive any such complaints, I will certainly look into the matter. That is what I said.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Sir, out of these 136 tractors supplied, may I know how many parties have sold the tractors without paying money to the Government?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—Government are not aware of it.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Sir, I want to know, out of these 136 tractors that you have given on hire purchase system, how many are supplied to the Municipalities in the State?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—I have got the list of those who have been supplied. I will lay it on the Table of the House. The Hon'ble may please look into it.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—My question is very specific. Out of 136 tractors, are there any tractors which are supplied by the Government on hire purchase system to the Municipalities or whether they are supplied purely to agriculturists?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—Sir, generally we sanction these tractors to individual raiyats—subject to verification, only to individual raiyats have been given.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is there any rate contract entered into between the Government in the Department of Agriculture and the supplying firms in regard to the supply of tractors?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—Yes.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—For what period such a contract has been entered into and within that period is the supplying firm entitled to demand any excess price or have they taken the permission of the Government to demand higher rates?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—No, Sir. They have not taken the permission subject to verification. I will bear all this in the mind and have a thorough and detailed investigation made into this matter and see that such things will not occur.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—May I know whether Government has examined why these bad varieties of contractors were recommended and whether there is something fishy regarding the officers who recommended these varieties?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—There is nothing fishy. They have been recommended according to the standards fixed by the Government of India. If there is anything wrong and if the Hon'ble Member were to write to me I will certainly examine.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಹೆಚ್. ವೆಂಕಟರದ್ಡಿ.—(ಸಿ)ಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ಇಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರುಗಳಲ್ಲ ಒಂದೊಂದು ಸಾಮಾನುಗಳು ಉಪಯೋಗವಾಗದೇ ಪೋಗುವಾಗ ಅದನ್ನು ಬದಲಾಯಿಸಲು ಸಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಗುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ ಎನ್ನುವುದು ಸರಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ರಾಜಯ್ಯ.—ಸರಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಹೆಚ್. ವೆಂಕಟರದ್ಡಿ.—ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಇದು ಸರಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದ್ದರೆ ಅದರ ಮೇಲೆ ಏನು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಿರಿ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ರಾಜಯ್ಯ.—ಸರಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಕೂಡಲೇ ಸೂಕ್ತವಾದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಯಾವ ರೀತಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೋ ಅವನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—What is the value of the spare parts and accessories that Government have stocked after purchasing so many of these tractors?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—That is a matter of detail.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—I want to know whether after purchasing these tractors Government have taken action to stock the spare parts and accessories for them and if so, what is the value of such stock?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—We cannot stock the spare parts. Again there will be question of depreciation and loss. Whenever ryots want these spare parts the concerned factories will secure these spare parts and supply to them well in advance.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Do you not make it a condition precedent before you accept any tender for rate contract that the tender should stock a minimum amount of spare parts and supply them to the ryots when they ask for them?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—We have taken that action, but sometimes it will not be possible for them to stock all the spare parts. Wherever they are available, they are supplied.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Messrs. Fergusson and company have not even submitted returns regularly to the Government of Mysore. Is this not fact?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—With regard to these matters I am going to Delhi add there I will discuss with the Union Government and see that there would not be any complaints with regard to the supply of tractors and their spare parts.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Thank you very much, but you have been saying this for the last 1½ years. My correspondence with the Government of India discloses that the Mysore Government is mainly responsible for the supply of tractors, but the dealers Fergusson and Company are not supplying the tractors; they get them and sell them according to their whims and fancies. You only say that you will take action, but you have not taken any action and as a result of that I have to pay Rs. 4,500 excess. May I know why Government have not taken action hitherto in spite of my letter written about 3 years ago about enhancement of price, collection of excess and non-payment of sales tax?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—I have taken action. I have written a letter personally to the concerned Minister. Even in the Farmers' Forum they have passed a resolution that they are prepared to take up the responsibility of distributing these tractors from any agency if the Government of India and the State Government were to allow them. It is a matter of policy to be decided in consultation with the Central Government.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—In how many cases were the loans granted written off and what are the reasons for the same?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—This is only a question of hire purchase.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Will Government assure the Hon'ble Member that they would secure the tractor at the original price prevailing 3 years ago?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—We will examine this.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ಚಾಕ್ರಕರುಗಳನ್ನು ಹೈರ್ ಪರ್ಚೇಸ್ (Hire-Purchase) ಸಿಸ್ಟಂ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಡಿಮ್ಯಾಂಡು ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿದೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದು ಸರಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ರಾಜಯ್ಯ.—ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಆರೀತಿಯಾಗಿದೆಯೇ ನಾವು ಕನಸಿದಾ' ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—It is a question of availability of foreign exchange for the purchase of tractors and it is the responsibility of the State Government to see that necessary foreign exchange is provided.

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—I assure the Hon'ble Member that we will take suitable action.

GRANT OF LAND TO SCHEDULED CASTES PEOPLE IN KADUR TALUK.

*Q.—377. Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Birur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the extant or acreage of land under Revenue Department suitable for cultivation in Kadur Taluk ;

(b) the number of acres given to scheduled castes people for cultivation from last three years in the said Taluk (Hobli-wise information may be furnished) ;

(c) the number of applications received from Co-operative Farming Societies for granting land in the above Taluk ;

(d) whether Government have granted any lands to the Farming Societies and if not, the reasons for the delay ;

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) 6,588 Acres and 1 Gunta.

(b)		<i>Acres</i>	<i>Guntas</i>
1	Kasaba	236	01
2	Birur	1,181	04
3	Hirenallur	696	30
4	Yagaty	564	14
5	Sakarapatna	1,466	25
6	Singatagere	477	18

Total	...	4,622	12
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(c) Four.

(d) Lands have been granted to only one society. Regarding the three other societies one of them is not yet registered. The members of one society do not belong to Kadur Taluk and the question of grant of land to the fourth is still under consideration.